

APPENDIX 2 -- Various Changes to the Ecumenical Creeds and Reformed Confessions

|                      | Changes before '44  | CanRC changes   | Other Ref'd changes  |
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| Apostles' Creed      |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- art. 2 “only” or “only-begotten”? (Synod '80 deleted; Synod '83 restored)</li> <li>- art. 9, “holy catholic <i>Christian</i> church” (Synod '83, pp. 50–51, added <i>Christian</i>)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- art. 4, “he descended into hell” deleted by some</li> </ul>   |
| Nicene Creed         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. D. 325 vs. 381</li> <li>- filioque c. A.D. 589</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “We believe”</li> <li>- “by the Holy Spirit, of the virgin Mary”</li> <li>- “we believe one holy catholic . . .” (Synod '95, pp. 20–26, 146–8, removed believe <i>in</i>)</li> </ul>   |  |
| Athanasian Creed     |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- art. 32, “composed of a <i>human</i> soul and <i>human</i> flesh”</li> <li>- art. 37 “for as soul and flesh are” (Synod '89, pp. 39–40, removed <i>rational/ reasonable</i> soul)</li> </ul>   |  |
| Belgic Confession    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Antwerp 1566, substantial changes to art. 15, 16, 36 and changes (some significant) to many other articles.</li> <li>- Dort 1619, art. 22 and other articles</li> <li>- Utrecht 1905, art. 36</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- additional title, “True Christian Confession...” – in original 1561 BC, reinserted (in a revised form) after Synod '83.</li> <li>- art. 1, 4, 9, 10, 15, 36, 37 (Synod '83, pp. 134–40, 150, to notify sister churches of substantial changes to art. 1, 4, 9, 10, 15, 36, 37).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RCUS on art. 15</li> <li>- URCNA, RCUS, FRCNA (etc.) in art. 29, “If the pure doctrine of the gospel is preached therein....”</li> <li>- URCNA, RCUS, FRCNA (etc.) in art. 30, “...the true religion may be preserved and the true doctrine everywhere propagated.”</li> <li>- NRC, HRC, FRCNA retained all of art. 36</li> </ul> |
| Heidelberg Catechism | - QA 80's origins   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- QA 57, “up to Christ, my Head” (adopted by Synod '83, p. 186, instead of <i>its</i> Head)</li> <li>- Synod '83, “day of rest” in QA 103.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CRCNA bracketed QA 80</li> </ul>  |
| Canons of Dort       |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3/4.4, “shows <i>some</i> regard for” (adopted by Synod '83 and possibly same as Schaff’s translation, but not true to the Latin which should be translated, “show a certain eagerness for”</li> </ul>   |  |